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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oscar Lee Avant et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR

> PROCESSING MAILPIECE INFORMATION BY AN

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 3653

Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak

<u>PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Restriction Requirement of October 2, 2002. The time to reply is therefore extended to February 3, 2003, because February 2, 2003 is a Sunday. Please charge the fee of \$930.00 to deposit account 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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